

As I am sure many of you know, People of Color, Black people specifically, have been used and abused by the American medical system.

White doctors once claimed that Black patients couldn't feel pain—so they used us as medical experiments.

J. Marion Sims, the “father of gynecology” perfected his craft by repeatedly slicing open enslaved Black women for painful medical surgeries without anesthesia.

On one unmedicated woman, he performed 30 surgeries.

For forty years—until 1972—Black men in Tuskegee, Alabama were studied and experimented on without their consent.

Out of 600 men, over 120 died from what was a treatable disease.

In yesteryear, People of Color were treated as expendable research material.

In recent times, we have been left out of medical trials entirely.

When Moderna first began research for their life-saving COVID-19 vaccine, it was discovered that Black participants made up only 7 percent of their clinical trial despite making up twice that percentage nationally.

This is not an isolated problem.

Nationally, though People of Color make up about 39 percent of the U.S. population, we are represented by only 2 percent to 16 percent of patients in trials.

Nearly 50 percent of the residents of Houston are People of Color.

We are parents, children, siblings, and loved ones.

We are front-line workers, educators, healthcare providers, and servicemen and women.

We deserve more.

We deserve better.

We deserve to receive medications and to use life-saving medical tools that are designed and developed with the people's specific needs in mind.

H.R. 7667 will work to rectify this inequity in the United States' Health Care system through mandatory Diversity Action Plans, Educational Workshops and Accountability Reports.

In addition to its vital diversity initiatives, “The Food and Drug Amendments Act of 2022” establishes tools to seek out new and innovative technology to better meet the needs of the American people.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services will establish National Centers of Excellence in Advanced and Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing to design, develop, and implement better and more efficient pharmaceuticals.

H.R. 7667 will accelerate the development of drugs needed in rapid response situations like the COVID-19 pandemic, supply chain disruptions, and other large scale medical emergencies.

As we have learned over the last two and a half years of this pandemic, now is the time to prepare for whatever tomorrow might bring.

These developments will help our healthcare system get ahead of national medical needs before they become crises.

This Act will arm America with a strong medical foundation in technological and medical advancement for our future, and will encourage clinical trials that better represent the face of America.

Madam Speaker, it is a privilege to continue in the decades long bipartisan support for the

Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the amendments provided in “The Food and Drug Amendments Act of 2022.”

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for H.R. 7667 to provide for a better and more equitable medical future for our country.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### JUNE 13

5:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

SR-232A

##### JUNE 14

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the index fund voting process.

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine short term and long terms solutions to extreme drought in the western United States.

SD-366

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the impact of South Dakota v. Wayfair on small businesses and remote sales.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider S. 4348, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the user-fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs,

and biosimilar biological products, S. 958, to amend the Public Health Service Act to expand the allowable use criteria for new access points grants for community health centers, and other pending calendar business.

SH-216

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine protecting our democracy's frontline workers.

SD-226

11 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

SR-232A

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Treasury Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence and the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

SD-138

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of GAO's 2022 report on duplication, overlap, fragmentation and opportunities to achieve financial benefits.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Border Safety

To hold hearings to examine strengthening our workforce and economy through higher education and immigration.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2023 and proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SR-418

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

SD-562

5 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Seapower

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

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5:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services  
Subcommittee on Airland

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

SR-232A

JUNE 15

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Labor.

SD-138

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine S. 2194, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal areas that provide fish and

wildlife habitat on which Federal trust species depend, an original bill entitled, "the Strengthening Coastal Communities Act", S. 3069, to reauthorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990, and S. 3767, to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs.

SD-406

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine protecting America's children from gun violence.

SD-226

2 p.m.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Office of National Drug Control Policy and its 2022 National Drug Control Strategy.

SD-608

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine the impact of consolidation on families and consumers, focusing on baby formula and beyond.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness

To hold hearings to examine supply chain resiliency, focusing on alle-

viating backlogs and strengthening long-term security.

SD-215

JUNE 16

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Tamara Cofman Wittes, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Geeta Rao Gupta, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women's Issues, and Michael Alan Ratney, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, both of the Department of State.

SD-419/VTC

JUNE 22

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine Toxic Substances Control Act amendments implementation.

SD-406